

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 591 - HB 764

March 10, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Abolishes community oversight boards (boards). Authorizes a municipal governing body to create a police advisory and review committee (committee) upon adoption of an ordinance by a two-thirds vote at two separate meetings. Establishes the composition, authorities, and operational framework for such committees, including that no member of the committee is entitled to compensation. Requires a mayor to select an executive director of the committee who is to be provided with support staff and services, office space, equipment, and supplies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – There may be a mandatory decrease in local expenditures of an unknown amount in FY23-24 and subsequent years. To the extent that any municipal governing body elects to create a committee, the relevant municipality will realize a permissive increase in expenditures for which the amount and timing are unknown.

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that only four municipal entities that could be considered community oversight boards currently exist in the state – one each in the cities of Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis.
- The composition and authorities of those bodies are not uniform and the precise annual expenditures related to them could not be attained.
- However, the FY22-23 budget for the Nashville Community Oversight Board was \$2,171,900 and included several full-time staff. The relevant ordinance for the Knoxville board provides for a compensated executive director, office, supplies, and support staff.
- The proposed legislation would abolish these boards in their current form and authorize the cities to create a committee under the new structure and laws established in the legislation. It does not require any municipality to form a new committee. Consequently, it is not known how many may choose to do so.
- It is also not known precisely what expenditures would be required of a municipality to form and sustain such a committee.
- The proposed legislation prohibits any appointed member of a committee from receiving compensation. It does, however, provide for an executive director who is to be

furnished with adequate office space, equipment, supplies, and support staff. It is assumed, though not explicitly stated in the legislation, that the executive director and support staff would be entitled to compensation.

- Upon passage of the proposed legislation, all existing boards would be dissolved, and thus any annual expenditures related to those boards would cease. It is therefore assumed that the proposed legislation would result in a significant decrease in local expenditures of an unknown amount in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- To the extent that any municipal governing body elects to create a committee, the relevant municipality will realize an increase in expenditures for which the amount and timing are unknown.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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